

consisting of the partial esters of polyols with C6-C16 fatty acids, wherein said polyols are selected from the group consisting of diols, triols, polyols with more than 3 hydroxy functions, and mixed polyalkoxide derivatives thereof, and chain lengths of the acid and polyol parts being selected such that said partial ester has sufficient dispersion in water and compatibility with any other ingredients, does not form an emulsion with reservoir oil and adsorbs sufficiently on the porous formation.

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